

**CLEAN ENERGY JOBS, CLIMATE POLICIES,
AND ECONOMIC GROWTH**

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing with the Subcommittee on Green Jobs and the New Economy to examine state and local views on clean energy jobs, climate-related policies, and economic growth, after receiving testimony from Colorado Governor Bill Ritter, Jr., Denver; Washington Governor Chris Gregoire, Olympia; New Jersey Governor Jon S. Corzine, and Mayor Douglas H. Palmer, both of Trenton; North Dakota Governor John Hoeven, Bismarck; Arkansas State Representative John Lowery, El Dorado; Mayor Robert Kiss, Burlington, Vermont; and Mayor William D. Euille, Alexandria, Virginia.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Charles A. Ray, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Zimbabwe, Gayleatha Beatrice Brown, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to Burkina Faso, Donald H. Gips, of Colorado, to be Ambassador to the Republic of South Africa, James Knight, of Alabama, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Benin, Earl M. Irving, of California, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Swaziland, Jerry P. Lanier, of North Carolina, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Uganda, Michael Battle, of Georgia, to be Representative to the African Union, with the rank and status of Ambassador, Alfonso Lenhardt, of New York, to be Ambassador to the United Republic of Tanzania, Pamela J. H. Slutz, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Burundi, and Patricia Newton Moller, of Arkansas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Guinea, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. Res. 81, supporting the goals and ideals of World Water Day, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of Carlos Pascual, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to Mexico, Kenneth H. Merten, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Haiti, Vilma S. Martinez, of California, to be Ambassador to Argentina, Nicole A. Avant, of California, to be Ambassador to the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, Vinai K. Thummalapally, of Colorado, to be Ambassador to Belize, John R. Nay, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Suriname, Anne Elizabeth Derse, of Maryland, to be

Ambassador to the Republic of Lithuania, Donald Sternoff Beyer, Jr., of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Switzerland, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Principality of Liechtenstein, Howard W. Gutman, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to Belgium, and David H. Thorne, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Italian Republic, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of San Marino, all of the Department of State, and a promotion list in the Foreign Service.

CLIMATE CHANGE AND GLOBAL SECURITY

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine climate change and global security, focusing on challenges, threats, and diplomatic opportunities, after receiving testimony from former Senator John Warner; Vice Admiral Lee F. Gunn, USN (Ret.), American Security Project, and Sharon Burke, Center for a New American Security, both of Washington, D.C.; and Vice Admiral Dennis McGinn, USN (Ret.), Center for Naval Analysis Advisory Board, Lexington Park, Maryland.

SPECULATION IN THE WHEAT MARKET

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations concluded a hearing to examine speculation in the wheat market, after receiving testimony from Gary Gensler, Chairman, United States Commodity Futures Trading Commission; Thomas Coyle, National Grain and Feed Association, Mark Cooper, Consumer Federation of America, and Hayden Wands, American Bankers Association, all of Washington, D.C.; Steven H. Strongin, Goldman, Sachs and Co., New York, New York; and Charles P. Carey, CME Group Inc., Chicago, Illinois.

EMPLOYMENT VERIFICATION SYSTEM

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Refugees and Border Security concluded a hearing to examine the current employment verification system, after receiving testimony from Representative Gutierrez; Michael Aytes, Acting Deputy Director, United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security; and James W. Ziglar, Migration Policy Institute, and Lynden Melmed, Berry Appleman & Leiden, LLP, both of Washington D.C.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to call.